

Mobile Field Kitchen (MFK)

Description

The MFK, also known as the Rapid Deployment Kitchen (RDK), is a containerized kitchen that can be positioned forward with designated elements of the Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF). It will be capable of providing meals twice daily to 650 to 1,000 Marines. The MFK is part of the flexible feeding available to maneuver elements dispersed over a wide area. The system is equipped to provide storage, refrigeration and the essentials for all types of meal preparation. In addition to providing increased mobility, this system improves safety by utilizing a single oil burner to heat thermal fluid that is circulated to kitchen appliances. This new concept is similar to forced hot water home heating, but uses a food grade mineral oil instead of water and appliances instead of radiators.

Operational Impact

The Mobile Field Kitchen will provide maneuver elements with a remote feeding capability in preparing hot, nutritional meals. The MFK is part of the total field feeding program. The containerization provides flexibility to realign with the Force Service Support Group and the units they support. The total field feeding program will enhance unit moral, performance and health.

Program Status

Milestones I, II, and III are anticipated over the next three years with fielding to start in FY03.

<i>Procurement Profile:</i>		<i>FY01</i>	<i>FY02</i>
	<i>Quantity:</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>21</i>

Developer/Manufacturer

TBD